

**REPATRIATION TRANSITION TAX AMENDMENTS**

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STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE****General Description:**

This bill modifies corporate income tax provisions relating to deferred foreign income.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ modifies the definition of unadjusted income as the definition relates to deferred foreign income; and
- ▶ modifies the payment schedule for a corporate taxpayer to pay the income tax on deferred foreign income.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill provides a special effective date.

This bill provides retrospective operation.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:****AMENDS:**

**59-7-101**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Second Special Session, Chapters 2 and 3

**59-7-118**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Second Special Session, Chapter 2

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **59-7-101** is amended to read:

**59-7-101. Definitions.**

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Adjusted income" means unadjusted income as modified by Sections 59-7-105 and 59-7-106.

(2) (a) "Affiliated group" means one or more chains of corporations that are connected through stock ownership with a common parent corporation that meet the following

33 requirements:

34 (i) at least 80% of the stock of each of the corporations in the group, excluding the  
35 common parent corporation, is owned by one or more of the other corporations in the group;  
36 and

37 (ii) the common parent directly owns at least 80% of the stock of at least one of the  
38 corporations in the group.

39 (b) "Affiliated group" does not include corporations that are qualified to do business  
40 but are not otherwise doing business in this state.

41 (c) For purposes of this Subsection (2), "stock" does not include nonvoting stock which  
42 is limited and preferred as to dividends.

43 (3) "Apportionable income" means adjusted income less nonbusiness income net of  
44 related expenses, to the extent included in adjusted income.

45 (4) "Apportioned income" means apportionable income multiplied by the  
46 apportionment fraction as determined in Section 59-7-311.

47 (5) "Business income" means the same as that term is defined in Section 59-7-302.

48 (6) (a) "Captive real estate investment trust" means a real estate investment trust if:

49 (i) the shares or beneficial interests of the real estate investment trust are not regularly  
50 traded on an established securities market; and

51 (ii) more than 50% of the voting power or value of the shares or beneficial interests of  
52 the real estate investment trust are directly, indirectly, or constructively:

53 (A) owned by a controlling entity of the real estate investment trust; or

54 (B) controlled by a controlling entity of the real estate investment trust.

55 (b) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the  
56 commission may make rules defining "established securities market."

57 (7) (a) "Common ownership" means the direct or indirect control or ownership of more  
58 than 50% of the outstanding voting stock of:

59 (i) a parent-subsidary controlled group as defined in Section 1563, Internal Revenue  
60 Code, except that 50% shall be substituted for 80%;

61 (ii) a brother-sister controlled group as defined in Section 1563, Internal Revenue  
62 Code; or

63 (iii) three or more corporations each of which is a member of a group of corporations

described in Subsection (2)(a)(i) or (ii), and one of which is:

(A) a common parent corporation included in a group of corporations described in Subsection (2)(a)(i); and

(B) included in a group of corporations described in Subsection (2)(a)(ii).

(b) Ownership of outstanding voting stock shall be determined by Section 1563, Internal Revenue Code.

(8) (a) "Controlling entity of a captive real estate investment trust" means an entity that:

(i) is treated as an association taxable as a corporation under the Internal Revenue Code;

(ii) is not exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(a), Internal Revenue Code; and

(iii) directly, indirectly, or constructively holds more than 50% of:

(A) the voting power of a captive real estate investment trust; or

(B) the value of the shares or beneficial interests of a captive real estate investment trust.

(b) "Controlling entity of a captive real estate investment trust" does not include:

(i) a real estate investment trust, except for a captive real estate investment trust;

(ii) a qualified real estate investment subsidiary described in Section 856(i), Internal Revenue Code, except for a qualified real estate investment trust subsidiary of a captive real estate investment trust; or

(iii) a foreign real estate investment trust.

(c) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the commission may make rules defining "established securities market."

(9) "Corporate return" or "return" includes a combined report.

(10) "Corporation" includes:

(a) entities defined as corporations under Sections 7701(a) and 7704, Internal Revenue Code; and

(b) other organizations that are taxed as corporations for federal income tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code.

(11) "Dividend" means any distribution, including money or other type of property,

made by a corporation to its shareholders out of its earnings or profits accumulated after December 31, 1930.

(12) (a) "Doing business" includes any transaction in the course of its business by a domestic corporation, or by a foreign corporation qualified to do or doing intrastate business in this state.

(b) Except as provided in Subsection 59-7-102(3), "doing business" includes:

(i) the right to do business through incorporation or qualification;

(ii) the owning, renting, or leasing of real or personal property within this state; and

(iii) the participation in joint ventures, working and operating agreements, the performance of which takes place in this state.

(13) "Domestic corporation" means a corporation that is incorporated or organized under the laws of this state.

(14) (a) "Farmers' cooperative" means an association, corporation, or other organization that is:

(i) (A) an association, corporation, or other organization of farmers or fruit growers; or

(B) an association, corporation, or other organization that is similar to an association, corporation, or organization described in Subsection (14)(a)(i)(A); and

(ii) organized and operated on a cooperative basis to:

(A) (I) market the products of members of the cooperative or the products of other producers; and

(II) return to the members of the cooperative or other producers the proceeds of sales less necessary marketing expenses on the basis of the quantity of the products of a member or producer or the value of the products of a member or producer; or

(B) (I) purchase supplies and equipment for the use of members of the cooperative or other persons; and

(II) turn over the supplies and equipment described in Subsection (14)(a)(ii)(B)(I) at actual costs plus necessary expenses to the members of the cooperative or other persons.

(b) (i) Subject to Subsection (14)(b)(ii), for purposes of this Subsection (14), the commission by rule, made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, shall define:

(A) the terms "member" and "producer"; and

(B) what constitutes an association, corporation, or other organization that is similar to an association, corporation, or organization described in Subsection (14)(a)(i)(A).

(ii) The rules made under this Subsection (14)(b) shall be consistent with the filing requirements under federal law for a farmers' cooperative.

(15) "Foreign corporation" means a corporation that is not incorporated or organized under the laws of this state.

(16) (a) "Foreign operating company" means a corporation that:

(i) is incorporated in the United States;

(ii) conducts at least 80% of the corporation's business activity, as determined under Section 59-7-401, outside the United States; and

(iii) as calculated in accordance with Part 3, Allocation and Apportionment of Income - Utah UDITPA Provisions, has:

(A) at least \$1,000,000 of payroll located outside the United States; and

(B) at least \$2,000,000 of property located outside the United States.

(b) "Foreign operating company" does not include a corporation that qualifies for the Puerto Rico and possession tax credit as provided in Section 936, Internal Revenue Code.

(17) (a) "Foreign real estate investment trust" means:

(i) a business entity organized outside the laws of the United States if:

(A) at least 75% of the business entity's total asset value at the close of the business entity's taxable year is represented by:

(I) real estate assets, as defined in Section 856(c)(5)(B), Internal Revenue Code;

(II) cash or cash equivalents; or

(III) one or more securities issued or guaranteed by the United States;

(B) the business entity is:

(I) not subject to income taxation:

(Aa) on amounts distributed to the business entity's beneficial owners; and

(Bb) in the jurisdiction in which the business entity is organized; or

(II) exempt from income taxation on an entity level in the jurisdiction in which the business entity is organized;

(C) the business entity distributes at least 85% of the business entity's taxable income, as computed in the jurisdiction in which the business entity is organized, to the holders of the

157 business entity's:

158 (I) shares or beneficial interests; and

159 (II) on an annual basis;

160 (D) (I) not more than 10% of the following is held directly, indirectly, or constructively

161 by a single person:

162 (Aa) the voting power of the business entity; or

163 (Bb) the value of the shares or beneficial interests of the business entity; or

164 (II) the shares of the business entity are regularly traded on an established securities

165 market; and

166 (E) the business entity is organized in a country that has a tax treaty with the United

167 States; or

168 (ii) a listed Australian property trust.

169 (b) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the

170 commission may make rules defining:

171 (i) "cash or cash equivalents";

172 (ii) "established securities market"; or

173 (iii) "listed Australian property trust."

174 (18) "Income" includes losses.

175 (19) "Internal Revenue Code" means Title 26 of the United States Code as effective

176 during the year in which Utah taxable income is determined.

177 (20) "Nonbusiness income" means the same as that term is defined in Section

178 59-7-302.

179 (21) "Real estate investment trust" means the same as that term is defined in Section

180 856, Internal Revenue Code.

181 (22) "Related expenses" means:

182 (a) expenses directly attributable to nonbusiness income; and

183 (b) the portion of interest or other expense indirectly attributable to both nonbusiness

184 and business income that bears the same ratio to the aggregate amount of such interest or other

185 expense, determined without regard to this Subsection (22), as the average amount of the asset

186 producing the nonbusiness income bears to the average amount of all assets of the taxpayer

187 within the taxable year.

188 (23) "S corporation" means an S corporation as defined in Section 1361, Internal  
189 Revenue Code.

190 (24) "Safe harbor lease" means a lease that qualified as a safe harbor lease under  
191 Section 168, Internal Revenue Code.

192 (25) "State of the United States" includes any of the 50 states or the District of  
193 Columbia.

194 (26) (a) "Taxable year" means the calendar year or the fiscal year ending during such  
195 calendar year upon the basis of which the adjusted income is computed.

196 (b) In the case of a return made for a fractional part of a year under this chapter or  
197 under rules prescribed by the commission, "taxable year" includes the period for which such  
198 return is made.

199 (27) "Taxpayer" means any corporation subject to the tax imposed by this chapter.

200 (28) "Threshold level of business activity" means business activity in the United States  
201 equal to or greater than 20% of the corporation's total business activity as determined under  
202 Section 59-7-401.

203 (29) (a) "Unadjusted income" means federal taxable income as determined on a  
204 separate return basis before intercompany eliminations as determined by the Internal Revenue  
205 Code, before the net operating loss deduction and special deductions for dividends received.

206 (b) ~~[For the last taxable year of a taxpayer beginning on or before December 31, 2017,~~  
207 ~~"unadjusted"]~~ "Unadjusted income" includes deferred foreign income described in Section  
208 965(a), Internal Revenue Code.

209 (30) (a) "Unitary group" means a group of corporations that:

210 (i) are related through common ownership; and

211 (ii) by a preponderance of the evidence as determined by a court of competent  
212 jurisdiction or the commission, are economically interdependent with one another as  
213 demonstrated by the following factors:

214 (A) centralized management;

215 (B) functional integration; and

216 (C) economies of scale.

217 (b) "Unitary group" includes a captive real estate investment trust.

218 (c) "Unitary group" does not include an S corporation.

219 (31) "United States" includes the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

220 (32) "Utah net loss" means the current year Utah taxable income before Utah net loss  
221 deduction, if determined to be less than zero.

222 (33) "Utah net loss deduction" means the amount of Utah net losses from other taxable  
223 years that a taxpayer may carry forward to the current taxable year in accordance with Section  
224 59-7-110.

225 (34) (a) "Utah taxable income" means Utah taxable income before net loss deduction  
226 less Utah net loss deduction.

227 (b) "Utah taxable income" includes income from tangible or intangible property located  
228 or having situs in this state, regardless of whether carried on in intrastate, interstate, or foreign  
229 commerce.

230 (35) "Utah taxable income before net loss deduction" means apportioned income plus  
231 nonbusiness income allocable to Utah net of related expenses.

232 (36) (a) "Water's edge combined report" means a report combining the income and  
233 activities of:

234 (i) all members of a unitary group that are:

235 (A) corporations organized or incorporated in the United States, including those  
236 corporations qualifying for the Puerto Rico and Possession Tax Credit as provided in Section  
237 936, Internal Revenue Code, in accordance with Subsection (36)(b); and

238 (B) corporations organized or incorporated outside of the United States meeting the  
239 threshold level of business activity; and

240 (ii) an affiliated group electing to file a water's edge combined report under Subsection  
241 59-7-402(2).

242 (b) There is a rebuttable presumption that a corporation which qualifies for the Puerto  
243 Rico and possession tax credit provided in Section 936, Internal Revenue Code, is part of a  
244 unitary group.

245 (37) "Worldwide combined report" means the combination of the income and activities  
246 of all members of a unitary group irrespective of the country in which the corporations are  
247 incorporated or conduct business activity.

248 Section 2. Section **59-7-118** is amended to read:

249 **59-7-118. Section 965, Internal Revenue Code -- Installment payments.**



(1) Subject to the other provisions of this section, a corporation may pay in installments the tax owed under this chapter on deferred foreign income described in Section 965, Internal Revenue Code.

(2) Subsection (1) applies:

(a) to a corporation that:

(i) is authorized to make an election under Section 965(h), Internal Revenue Code; and

(ii) apportions deferred foreign income described in Section 965, Internal Revenue Code, to this state; and

(b) for a tax year in which a corporation makes an election under Section 965(h), Internal Revenue Code, for purposes of the corporation's federal income tax.

(3) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), the same provisions that apply to an election made under Section 965(h), Internal Revenue Code, for federal purposes apply to an installment payment made under this section.

(b) A corporation shall make:

(i) the first installment under this section on or before the due date, including any extension, of the [2017] tax return filed under this chapter for the first taxable year in which the corporation reports deferred foreign income described in Section 965, Internal Revenue Code; and

(ii) a subsequent installment on or before the due date, including any extension, of the tax return filed under this chapter in each of the following seven years.

### Section 3. **Effective date.**

If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah Constitution, Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto, the date of veto override.

### Section 4. **Retrospective operation.**

(1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), this bill has retrospective operation for:

(A) the last taxable year of a taxpayer beginning on or before December 31, 2017; and

(B) a taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2018.

(2) The amendments to Section 59-7-118 have retrospective operation for a taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2017.

